

CARDIAC HARNESS

Abstract of the Disclosure

A cardiac harness for treating or preventing congestive heart failure is configured to be placed about at least a portion of a patient's heart so as to apply a mild compressive force on the heart. In one embodiment, the cardiac harness is configured so that the variation of load as a function of expansion through a selected range of expansion is represented generally in the form $y=ax+b$, and the value of "a" does not increase as the percent expansion increases.

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